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EMPLOYMENT FOR SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employment opportunities for both SCs and STs category is gradually declining in organised industry since initiation of reforms;

(b) if so, the number of SCs and STs employed during the past three years; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to reverse the process?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

a) to c) The present scenario reveals that creation of additional employment opportunities in the public sector is negligible and most of the employment opportunities likely to emerge will be in the private sector where there is no reservation policy for SC/ST. The additional employment opportunities in the organised sector as a whole are not significant for the entire labour force including SC/STs. In order to ensure that the representation of SC/STs increases in the private sector jobs, there is an immediate need to provide Vocational Training to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes to enhance their skills so as to enable them to compete in the private sector for jobs. Keeping this in view, seats are reserved for the SC/ST candidates in various Industrial Training Institutes.